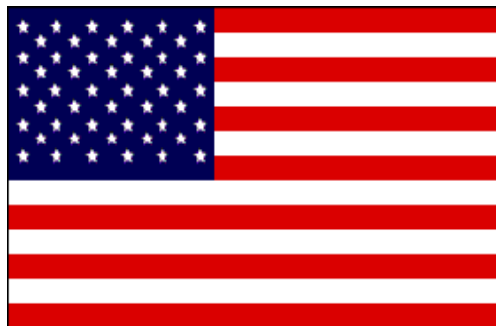




nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment ***"Fury from the Sky!"***

NEWCOMERS' BRIEF



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2-508th PIR

History

- Activated at Camp Blanding, FL on 20 October 1942
- Joined the 82nd Airborne Division in March 1943 at Camp McKall
- Staged in Great Britain from January - June 1944
- D-Day, 6 June 1944, Normandy:
 - Secured the SW portion of the 82nd sector
 - Primary targets: Bridges over the Douve River
 - Primary Assault OBJs: Merderet River bridges at La Fiere and Chef-du-Pont

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2-508th PIR

History

- **Operation Market Garden, Holland, 17 Sep 1944**
- **Battle of the Bulge, 16 Dec 1944 - Feb 1945**
- **1SG Leonard B. Funk earns the CMH 29 Jan 1945**
- **Returned to CONUS 24 Nov 1946; deactivated**
- **Reactivated in April 1951**
- **Operation Power Pack (Dominican Republic)**

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2-508th PIR

History

- **Deactivated on 28 January 1986**
- **Reactivated on 6 January 2006**
- **We share the history of the 3rd and 4th Battalions of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment:**
 - **Operation Desert Shield/ Storm (SWA) 1990-1991**
 - **Hurricane Andrew HUMRO September 1992**
 - **Operation Iraqi Freedom I, Feb 2003 - Jan 2004**
 - **Operation Iraqi Freedom II - III, Dec 2004 -**





Mission

2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment alerts, marshals and deploys anywhere in the world within 18 hours, executes a forced-entry parachute assault, and attacks to decisively defeat any enemy, in any terrain.



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Vision

We will be an aggressive, disciplined battalion of warriors who are prepared to deploy in 18 hours and fight now - with no notice. We will be competent in our jobs and mentally tough enough to overcome confusion and chaos, extreme weather, physical stress and casualties in order to accomplish the mission. The 2-508th reputation will be that of a proud, dedicated band of brothers who fight tenaciously and exercise initiative to accomplish the mission: if you challenge the 2-508th in battle, you will lose.





Command Team Philosophy

- **Competence**
 - **All Paratroopers are experts in their assigned position - from Rifleman to the Battalion Commander.**
 - **Big 6:**
 - (1) Battle Focused PT (4) Airborne Proficiency**
 - (2) Battle Drills (5) CASEVAC Operations**
 - (3) Marksmanship/LFX (6) Leader Development**





Command Team Philosophy

- **Competence**

Initiative is required of all - when in doubt, act in accordance with the Commander's Intent!

We will train aggressively and stop only when we have achieved or exceeded the standard.

We will never accept defeat.





Command Team Philosophy

- **Discipline**
 - **Do what is right, all the time, even when no one is watching.**
 - **Live the Army values in all that you do, and remember: winners never quit, and quitters never win.**





Command Team Philosophy

- **Teamwork**
 - **Nobody MEDEVACS himself: two average Paratroopers working together have the strength of ten superstars working for themselves.**





Our Commitment to You

Positive Command Climate:

- We will be positive and optimistic. We will lead by example and have fun doing our jobs.**
- We are committed to fostering a learning and adaptive organization.**
- We will underwrite honest mistakes - learn from them!**
- We value open communication and candid conversation, up and down the chain of command.**





Our Commitment to You

Taking Great Care of Paratroopers and Families:

- We will treat all Paratroopers and their family members with dignity and respect.**
- Our Paratroopers will do anything for us if they truly believe that we care about them - we pledge to build that trust and never violate it.**





Our Commitment to You

Taking Great Care of Soldiers and Families:

- **We will never risk loss or injury of a Paratrooper unnecessarily: safety and risk management will be integrated into all operations - both in training and in combat.**
- **We will never leave a Paratrooper on the battlefield. If one of our own is missing, we will commit all necessary resources to rescue him and bring him home.**





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Standards

- **Be proud to serve in the 4th BCT and the 82nd Abn Div**
- **Take care of your airborne buddy**
- **Follow the “Golden Rule”**
- **Report Misconduct and abuse/hazing of Paratroopers -
no room for that in this battalion**
- **Share good ideas**
- **Have fun!**



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PT Guidance

- PT needs to be challenging and innovative; use your imagination, and make PT fun! We will always execute **battle focused PT**. Work squad and platoon battle drills after PT; combatives drills, as well. PT is a team sport: everyone in the battalion will do PT as a member of a unit, not as individuals, realizing that camaraderie is a critical team by-product and avoiding the perception of double standards.





Commander's Hot Issues

- **2-508th Paratroopers always do what is right: we must own and stay on the moral high ground. We live by our oath as Paratroopers and the Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. We do not embarrass ourselves, our families, our battalion, or our country. Non-Negotiables in the 2-508th PIR:**
 - **DWI**
 - **Drug Use**
 - **Adultery**
 - **Violation of your integrity**
 - **Degradation or humiliation of Paratroopers**





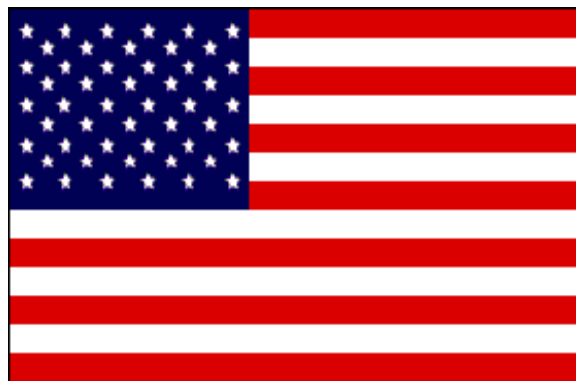
Closing Thoughts

- **These are volatile and uncertain times... may require us to fight like this for the next 5+ years. SEN Bob Dole: You are the Greatest Generation.**
- **Our doors are always open**
 - **24/7/365**
 - **To you as well as your family**
 - **Use the Chain of Command first**
- **Have fun!**





Questions?



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